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NEWS NOTES

Free motorcycle course

The Community Recreation Division, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), is sponsoring free motorcycle safety courses beginning in April.

Sessions, which include classroom and riding training, will be held at the chapel. Individuals must complete this course prior to bringing their motorcycles on post. All equipment will be provided, including motorcycles and helmets. Interested employees must have a valid motorcycle license or permit and insurance card. Proper clothing is required.

The deadline to register is April 19; call Jackie Vass, X57584 or X57583.

Phone number changes

The Tobyhanna Federal Credit Union's new phone number for the depot branch is 570-894-8325. The credit union is consolidating the phone lines into its call center number in order to provide better service. The current phone line, 570-895-7368, will no longer be in service after Jan. 15.

Retirees meet for breakfast

The Tobyhanna Mt. Pocono retirees will meet 9 a.m. the first Tuesday of odd numbered months at the Pioneer Diner: March 6, May 1, July 3, Sept. 4 and Nov. 6. All Tobyhanna retirees are welcome. For more information, contact Ed Gush, 842-8761 or eddieandbets@juno.com.

CWC plans Williamsburg trip

The Civilian Welfare Council is sponsoring a three-day vacation to historical Williamsburg, Va., April 27 - 29. The bus is scheduled to leave the Wegman's parking lot in Wilkes-Barre at 6 a.m. April 27. Cost is \$585 per couple and \$390 for singles. The price includes transportation, lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, guided tours and all admissions. Reservations and payment can be made at the One-Stop-Shop; payment is due at time of reservation. For more information, call X58851.



Joseph Weber, material examiner and identifier (right), and David Edinger, material examiner and identifier leader, unpack and prepare to inspect KY-58 Speech Security Equipment turned in from the field. Communications security custodians who turn in secure communications equipment must follow procedure to ensure the equipment is packed properly and the correct address is used so the equipment is shipped directly to Tobyhanna Army Depot's Communications Security Division, Communications Systems Directorate. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)

Tobyhanna provides procedures to pack, ship secure communications equipment

by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor

Military and civilian personnel who return secure communications equipment to Tobyhanna Army Depot are reminded to use correct procedures.

Officials from the depot's Communications Security Division report that equipment is being shipped to a depot tenant activity, the Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna (DDTP), instead of directly to them.

"The confusion is a combination of personnel new to the procedures and choosing the wrong Ship To Address, known as a DODAAC, or DoD Activity Address Code, available from the Defense Automatic Addressing System (DAAS)," says

Patrick Mirabelle, communications security custodian.

Mirabelle noted that the list is provided via an Internet address (www.daa.dla.mil) that may add to the confusion because it is a Defense Logistics Agency Web site and DDTP is part of that agency.

Communications Security (COMSEC) custodians are accessing this list and using the first addresses they see.

The COMSEC equipment gets shipped to DDTP instead of Tobyhanna. The correct Ship To DODAAC is W81U11, which will reference the correct In-the-Clear address under the heading COMSEC support:

Commander
Tobyhanna Army Depot
11 Hap Arnold Blvd

ATTN: COMSEC Support, Bldg 73
Tobyhanna, PA 18466-5110

"DDTP has been very helpful in locating and returning COMSEC items to us," noted James Powell, chief of the COMSEC Division, but there is a transactional transhipment charge for this service which gets charged to the customer. "We also want to remind those who prepare COMSEC equipment for turn-in to adhere to the regulations, the main one being DA PAM 25-380-2. That regulation has most of the information necessary, such as shipping methods you can and can't use. For example, Federal Express is an approved shipper for CONUS (within the continental United States), but not for OCONUS (outside the continental United States)."

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New Year's resolution: Pay yourself first

Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Richard Jette

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Are you searching for a New Year's resolution?

If your focus for 2007 is to take control of your finances, I would like to share some simple tips that helped my wife and me achieve financial success over the years.

First off, forget about a budget.

That's right! Don't even attempt to stick to a budget you created in a desperate attempt for self-improvement. Think about the budgets you developed in the past. Did they work? Be honest with yourself.

What most folks do when they earn a dollar is to use it to pay off everyone else first. They pay their bills, then attempt to put aside some money for themselves. In most cases there is nothing left to put aside.

If every dollar you make is used to pay off things you already have or no longer have then you will never be able to save for your future, and you will continue to live paycheck to paycheck with no hope of financial freedom.

For financial success, this strategy is backward. There is another strategy that is proven and has worked wonders for those who have adopted and stuck to it. The strategy is to learn how to "pay yourself first."

If you pay yourself first, you are forced to save. You need to treat yourself -- you -- your future -- as a bill and it needs to be the first payment sent out each payday. Right now, what is more important than your and your family's future? Think about it. If none of your cash flow works toward this, then you need to change.

Why consider your future as a bill? Because you are already disciplined to pay your bills. Would you ever consider not making your rent payment or car payment? Of course not! Put your future in the same category.

For this strategy to be successful you need to implement a few simple practices. First, start today. There is no better time than today to take charge. Make a commitment to yourself and take action.

Second, make an appointment with the financial management counselors at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center. They offer classes and one-on-one support on how to invest your money and make it work for you.

Here is something to ponder. If you invest \$10 a day (that's only \$300 a month) in a tax-deferred account (many available) that earns 10 percent (which is what the stock market has averaged for 50 years) in 35 years you will have \$1,163,796.

Lastly, make your payment automatic. Set up an allotment that comes directly out of your pay to fund your new investment. This way, you won't miss it. Without looking at your LES, how much do you pay in taxes and social security?

I bet you don't know.

The reason? It comes out of your pay automatically and you never see it. Use the same concept on the allotment you set up.

Your financial future is your responsibility and you are in complete control. Consider your future a must-pay bill, make a commitment today for change, get smart on where to put your funds, and make it automatic. Sound simple? It is.

Survey: Troops have positive view of military, eschew drugs or alcohol, satisfied with jobs

**by Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON—Most active-duty servicemembers have a positive view of their military service and aren't turning to alcohol or illegal drugs to cope with wartime-related stressors, according to findings from a Defense Department-sanctioned survey conducted in 2005.

"Despite the stresses of war and ongoing deployments, nearly all indicators of servicemembers' health and well-being continue to be quite good, especially when compared with civilian populations," Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said during a telephone interview with reporters.

The survey results also show that 66 percent of armed forces members polled view their military service positively and are satisfied with their jobs, Winkenwerder said, and nearly 50 percent of respondents said they'd like to serve in the military at least 20 years.

More than 16,000 active-duty military members assigned at 60 installations worldwide took part in the Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel, which has been conducted every three to four years since 1980. The randomly selected respondents answered questions about their military service, substance abuse, deployment stress, mental health and weight management.

The survey was conducted by a DoD-contracted research firm, Winkenwerder said, and the information provides is used for programs that enhance troops' physical and mental well-being.

The survey's findings are consistent with military trends that began in the mid-1980s, said Dr. Robert M. Bray, director of the survey project for contractor RTI International. Servicemembers' use of alcohol and tobacco continues to decline, a circumstance that mirrors what's happening in civilian society, Bray said.

"Military rates of smoking are lowering to match civilian rates," Bray said.

Overall, military smoking for all age groups is at about 31 percent, according to survey data, compared to an overall civilian smoking rate of about 30 percent.

Yet, although smoking is declining within the military, servicemembers' use of smokeless tobacco has risen, Bray noted.

Regarding servicemembers' use of alcohol, heavy drinking has declined since 1988, Bray reported. "We see that the heavy drinking rate seems to be staying fairly flat," he said, noting that overall alcohol consumption in the military is going down.

In addition, overall incidence of illegal drug use by servicemembers of all ages has remained at 5 percent or lower since 1988, he said.

While more than 75 percent of survey respondents said they regularly engage in rigorous exercise, the incidence of overweight servicemembers is increasing, just like the average civilian's weight has increased over the last 10 years, Bray said. One culprit, he said, could be that the body mass index method of measure used



A Soldier carries his .50-caliber ammunition to an M-2 machine gun. (Photo by Gary Kieffer)

today doesn't distinguish between fat and muscle, which weighs more.

Surveyed servicemembers reporting a lot of stress at work (32 percent) and family stress (19 percent) are similar to findings from the 2002 survey, Bray said.

The survey's findings also indicate a significant decline since 2002 in the incidence of serious injuries or accidents that put servicemembers in hospitals, Winkenwerder said. This could be partly explained by increased servicemember use of automobile seatbelts and motorcycle helmets, he said.

Just fewer than 18 percent of servicemembers surveyed said they believe they need mental health counseling, Winkenwerder said, adding that about 15 percent said they'd sought such counseling. Other respondents indicated that they'd visited a chaplain or talked things over with friends, he added.

"This is important, because I think it suggests that people are going for and receiving the mental health support and services that they need," Winkenwerder said.

In all, 56 percent of servicemembers polled said they believe it would not harm their military careers if they sought mental health help, Winkenwerder said. "We're pleased with that," he said,

Although wartime's circumstances are taxing servicemembers and their families, the survey's findings indicate that people are finding healthy ways to deal with stress. About 81 percent of survey respondents said they deal with stress by working out a plan, which may include exercise, hobbies, talking with family members or prayer, Winkenwerder said.

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EXCELLENCE IN

ELECTRONICS

Accidents happen in the blink of an eye

by Jacqueline Boucher
Assistant Editor

In the blink of an eye...that's all the time it takes for an accident to happen. Whether at work or home, the proper wear and use of safety equipment can help workers protect their vision.

Tobyhanna's Army Depot's Occupational Vision Program provides the tools to help people remain safe while on the job. Educational programs and personal protective equipment (PPE) are available to everyone who works at the depot.

"Eye injuries can be among the most serious of workplace accidents," said Stefanie Ward, safety technician, Industrial Risk Management Directorate. "It is extremely important to wear eye protection at all times when there is a possibility of flying particles, chemical splashes or impact accidents involving your eyes."

There are several types of eye protection available and it's important to ensure the correct type is used, depending on the work task and associated hazard. Power tools, heavy machinery and potent chemicals are among the workplace hazards that can put eyes at risk. Protection may include safety glasses with side shields, impact or chemical goggles, and/or a face shield.

Safety officials here reported 11 eye injuries in fiscal year 2006; six were Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recordable. That means the injury resulted in lost work or restricted duty.

"A lot of people think you can wear regular glasses while soldering," Ward said. "That's not the case; individuals are supposed to wear chemical goggles in case of splash." She added that safety lenses are stamped with the ANSI Z87.1 symbol.

Ward noted that many jobs require the worker to wear more than one type of eye protection. For example, a welder wears a combination of safety glasses and face shield.

The Tobyhanna Safety Manual [Chapter 5, TYAD Regulation 385-1] outlines the policies for Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment (PPCE) use and lists the required eye protection for the hazards associated with various work operations. OSHA requires employees who wear PPCE to be properly trained before use.

It's up to the supervisors to enforce safety rules, according to Ward. The safety office performs spot checks from time to time and provides constant reminders of the safety standards and procedures by posting items on the intranet, circulating safety bulletins and broadcasting safety videos on the Public Address Visual Information System (PAVIS).

"A large percentage of the work force is required to wear protective glasses. Even if they're passing through an area labeled hazardous; even if you work in a non-hazardous area," Ward said.

Louis Bocci conducts bi-weekly safety talks and keeps a close eye on the 26 employees who work in the Plating Shop and seven employees who work in the Photo Fabrication Shop. As the electroplater supervisor in the Finishing and Etching Branch, System Integration and Support Directorate, he stays alert for any non-conformity to the safety standards.



Roberto Colon, electronics worker, repairs a TPN-19 low voltage power supply. Colon works in the Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems Components Branch, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate. (Photos by Steve Grzezdzinski)



Jeff Falchek wears goggles and a face shield to change filters for the paint strip tank. Falchek is an electroplater who works in Plating Shop.

"No one wants an eye injury and there is great potential for it due to the hazards in both shops," Bocci said, indicating the plating chemicals, sandblast debris and copper and stainless steel wire in the work area.

Bocci believes a safe work environment is vital to mission success. "The shop has never had an eye injury. I wouldn't, and couldn't, work without PPCE."

For more information about eye protection, call the Safety Office at X57020.

Types of protective eyewear

Safety glasses

Safety glasses with side shields protect the eye from particles and projections. Safety glasses must have side shields to meet the ANSI Z87.1 standard. The lenses are impact-resistant, and the frames are stronger than those found on fashion eyewear.

Goggles

Goggles provide more protection than safety glasses and must be worn wherever there is a potential for hazardous liquids to splash. They provide better protection from smaller particles and liquids because they seal against the face. Also, they can be worn over normal prescription lenses if needed.

Face Shields

Face shields protect both the eyes and face when working with corrosive chemicals that pose a splash hazard. Face shields do not seal against the face, goggles must be worn under a face shield when handling splash hazards.

Welding/Chipping Goggles

Welding goggles protect eyes from both hazardous light and hot particles. Among other hazards, welding can generate infrared (IR) light. IR-safe lenses have special IR-absorbing dyes molded into them. Their degree of protection is rated on a "shade" scale. The higher the shade number, the higher the protection from IR. Be sure the glasses, goggles, or shields you pick have a high enough shade factor for your kind of work. Tint alone doesn't guarantee protections. Chipping goggles are not tinted and should be used when flying chips or flakes of material are possible.

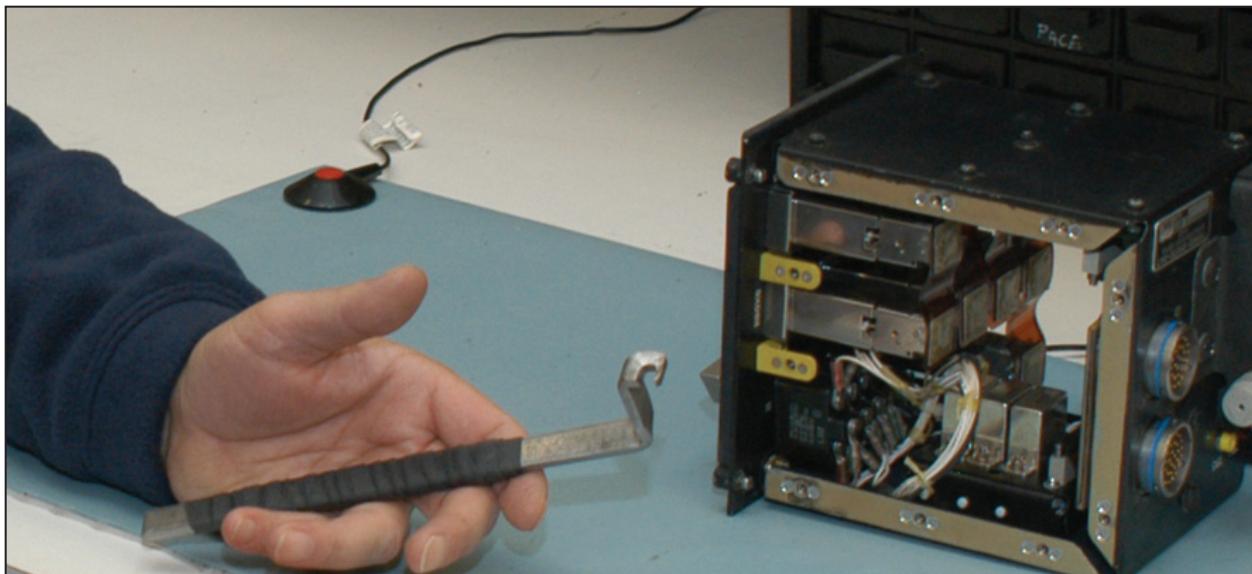
Welding Helmets

Welding helmets provide eye and skin protection from ultraviolet rays and slag during welding.



REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE





Don Cragle demonstrates the tool he designed to make it easier to disassemble Black Hawk helicopter flight control panels. Before, it was very difficult and time consuming to remove two screws and nuts. Previous methods ruined several panels. Cragle, an electronic instrument mechanic in the C3/Avionics Directorate, says the screws can now be removed in a fraction of the time, saving panels from damage. (Photos by Anthony Ricchiazzi)

'Homemade' tool to save \$87,000 per year

**by Anthony Ricchiazzi
Editor**

A simple tool designed by a depot employee has solved a frustrating problem for avionics technicians.

Personnel in the Flight Control Systems Branch repair and test flight control panels used in Black Hawk helicopters. Part of the work involves removing a faceplate, which means removing several screws held in place by nuts. The branch is part of the Command, Control and Computers/Avionics Directorate's Avionics Division.

"Two of the nuts, called press nuts, are located behind the front panel and were very difficult to remove," said Don Cragle, an electronic instrument mechanic in the Air Communications/Instruments Branch. "The space between the components is too small to allow standard tools to grip the nuts

to remove the screws."

Technicians were using extra-long needle nose pliers and surgical clamps to grip the press nuts, which sometimes damaged inner components. Cragle said the press nuts, which are pressed into an indentation to lock them in place, would often come loose, making it very difficult to remove the screw. Also, the press nuts are flat only on two sides, not the usual five or six sides, making it harder to get a grip on them.

"The nut would strip and turn with the screw," he said. "When that happened, a grinding wheel or drill was used to remove the screw head and extract the remainder of the screw and press nut from the rear of the panel, which often damaged the front panel. Sometimes the heat from the drill would melt it. Once it's damaged, it's thrown away."

Several of the panels were ruined. Pete

Carr, formerly a worker in the branch, asked Cragle if he could help.

"He knew I had been a machinist, a tool and die maker, and a sheet metal mechanic," Cragle said. "Also, I had done the same job years ago, only we weren't repairing nearly as many."

Cragle agreed to try to build a tool that would solve the problem. He designed a 1/8-inch open-end wrench that is angled so it will fit easily into the tight spaces and grip the press nuts on their flat sides. With the wrench in place, it is easy to turn out the screw from the front of the panel in the normal manner.

"Using the former methods, it took about 15 minutes to remove two screws and two nuts," Cragle said. "The wrench cuts that to less than 30 seconds with no risk to components."

The entire flight control panel costs

\$10,000. The front panel alone costs \$800. Damage avoidance, plus time and cost to make the tool (about \$1 worth of steel and 30 minutes work), yielded an annual savings of almost \$87,800.

Cragle took his design to the Industrial Services Division, where personnel in the Sheet Metal Fabrication and Machining branches fabricated the first tool, and later four more after testing proved the design.

The tools are now being used and work well, says Jerry Gavigan, electronics mechanic. "The total time to remove all the panels was 45 minutes to an hour," he added. "The tool is definitely worth it in the time savings."

"This was a great team effort," says John Stochla, chief of the Flight Control Systems Branch.

For his efforts, Cragle was awarded \$3,334.

Casey: First additional U.S. troops arrive in Baghdad

**by Steven Donald Smith
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON—The first additional U.S. troops who will take part in new security operations in Iraq have arrived in Baghdad, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq said Jan. 15.

"The initial elements of the first group are here," George W. Casey Jr., commander of Multinational Force Iraq, told reporters at a news conference in Baghdad. Casey did not specify the number of troops who had arrived or give any indication when security operations would begin.

The added U.S. troops will support the Iraqi-led operation, he said. U.S. and Iraqi officials are trying to work out command details to put Iraqis in control, with U.S. troops backing them up, he said.

Casey emphasized that security Baghdad is a key element of the overall plan and that the U.S. is committed to helping the Iraqis succeed there.

"I will remind everyone that I have consistently said that I will ask for the troops I need to accomplish the mission, and that I will do what it takes to help the Iraqis succeed," he said. "And that is what we're doing with this plan."

The new plan has more Iraqi buy-in than in the past, Casey

said. "It is Iraqi-conceived and will be Iraqi-led, not only on the security side, but on the political, economic and media/public affairs side," he said.

Although the Iraqis will lead the plan, "American forces will remain under American command -- no issues," Casey said. He acknowledged that the more troops who serve in Iraq, the greater the risk of casualties, but said U.S. troops "won't be put at risk because of the command relationships."

Casey said U.S. and Iraqis together have committed sufficient security forces to ensure the plan succeeds.

The timetable for introducing additional U.S. forces into Iraq will enable the coalition and Iraqis "to sustain momentum, reinforce success and evaluate progress as we go," Casey said. The plan offers flexibility and a statement of U.S. commitment to the Iraqi people, he said.

Ultimately, the Iraqi security forces will be the ones to secure Iraq, and key to reaching that goal is ensure the United States continues to focus on training those troops, the general said. "So, in support of that mission, we will also be enhancing our military transition teams," he said. That will include doubling or even tripling the teams' size to speed the effort forward, Casey said.

Casey made the point that the security plan would not be limited to Baghdad. He said it would go all the way to the Iraqi border "in order to stop the infiltration of terrorists."

U.S. ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad, who also spoke at the news conference, said Iraq's neighbors must change their behavior.

"We will target these networks in the hope and expectation of changing the behavior of the states to get them to be more positive towards this country that's in transition that is going through a difficult period," he said.

Casey said he trusted the Iraqi government would "purge" members of its security forces that are loyal to militias and non-Iraqi groups.

While expressing confidence that the new plan can succeed, Casey warned the Iraqi public not to expect an instant improvement in Baghdad's security. "As with any plan, there are no guarantees of success, and it's not going to happen overnight," he said. "But with sustained political support and concentrated efforts on all sides, I believe that this plan can work."

Casey praised the job the U.S. military has been performing in Iraq. "I'd like to remind the American people about the magnificent job that the men and women of their armed forces are doing over here in a very tough environment," he said. "You can be proud of what they're doing to bring peace and stability to Iraq, and in doing so bringing peace and security to the United States of America."

(Donna Miles contributed to this article.)

EXCELLENCE IN ELECTRONICS

AROUND THE DEPOT



Doug Lewis, electronic integrated systems mechanic, performs a high voltage adjustment on a transmitter for a mini-MUTES.



Dan Nawrocki connects test cables to feed points on the antenna wave guide system. Nawrocki is an electronics mechanic.



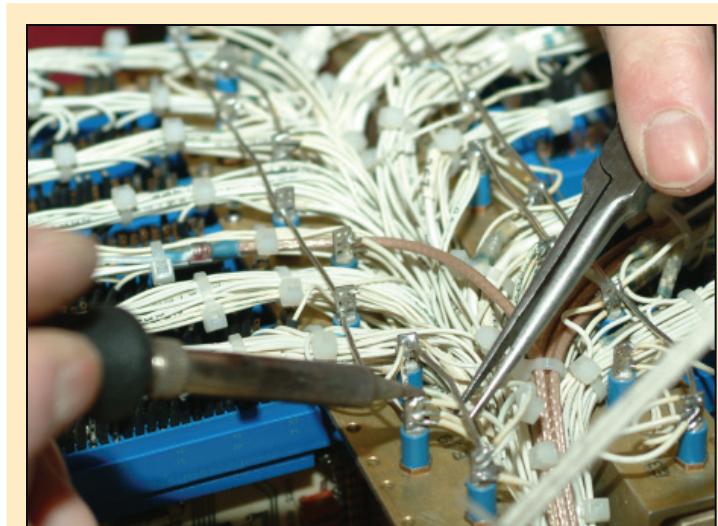
Leon Holschuh, electronics integrated systems mechanic, works on a low-voltage power supply for a #5 transmitter for an AN/MST-T1(a) MUTES.

**Equipment Specs**

The MUTES transmitters are capable of generating threats ranging in frequency of 2-17GHz at power levels up to 750kw. Each MUTE system contains 19 threat transmitters and the mini-MUTE system contain up to four transmitters. The systems are an Identify Friend or Foe (IFF) tracking and training simulator that provides threat signals for aircrews.



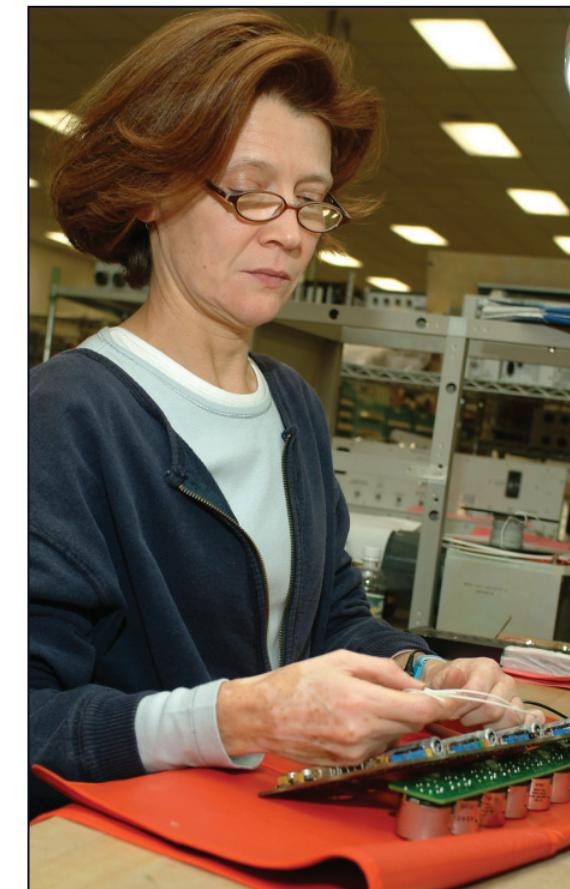
Robert "Stretch" Lewis, electronics mechanic, repairs a wiring harness on an 8/17 dual transmitter.



Multiple Threat Systems Branch Transmitter Shop

Command, Control and Computer/Avionics Directorate

The branch's 16 employees overhaul, repair, and align the Air Force AN/MST-T1(a) multiple threat emitter system (MUTES) and AN/MST-T1(v) mini-MUTES transmitters.



Donna Spinley, electronics mechanic, reassembles a four section power supply for transmitters used in MUTES.

(Photos by Steve Grzezdzinski)



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VLTP

Thousands of Tobyhanna employees have donated more than 43,249 annual leave hours to help 400 people over the past 18 years.

The voluntary leave transfer program (VLTP) lets federal employees donate annual leave to fellow employees who have exhausted their annual and sick leave because of either a personal or family medical emergency.

In addition, people in "use or lose" status can donate excess leave days to employees participating in the VLTP.

For more information, call the Management Employee Relations Division: Theresa Planchock, X57963, or Joseph Heitman, X57324.

There are 17 active VLTP cases with eligible employees in need of leave donations. They are:

Edward Baker, ASRS Division, Production Management Directorate.

Clyde Beavers, Voice Communications Division, Communications Systems Directorate.

Tracey Condi, Administrative Support Division, Information Management Directorate.

Michael Corey, Architecture, System and Application Design Division, Information Management Directorate.

Hiram Gillyard, Processing Engineering Division, Productivity Improvement and Innovation Directorate.

Denise Hoffman, Fabrication Support Branch, Electronic

Services Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Joseph Madajewski, Customer Support Division, Information Management Directorate.

Paul Mahoney, Paint Branch, Refinishing Division, Systems Integration and Support Directorate.

Michael Minich, Security Division, Industrial Risk Management Directorate.

Philip Muncie, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Branch, Electro-Optic/Night Vision Division, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Directorate.

Thomas Scully, Multiple Threat Branch, Range Threat Systems Division, C3/Avionics Directorate.

Stephen Tibel, Threat Simulation and Analysis Systems Branch, Range Threat Systems Division, C3/Avionics Directorate.

Al Urbanski, Antenna Systems Branch, Satellite Communications Division, Communication Systems Directorate.

Karen VanBrunt, Requisitioning Division, Production Management Directorate.

Adam Wojcicki, SATCOM, Communications Systems Directorate.

Stephen Youshock, C3 Systems Branch, C3 Systems Division, C3/Avionics Directorate.

Outside Agency:

Robert Jones, LOGSA, Packaging, Storage and Containerization Center.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

Editor's Note: The Community Bulletin provides an avenue for depot and tenant employees to advertise van or car pools, and for-sale items. Money making items such as rentals and personal business will not be accepted.

Information must be submitted via e-mail to Jacqueline Boucher@tobyhanna.army.mil, or written items can be mailed to the Public Affairs Office, mail stop 5076.

Submissions must include a name and telephone extension. Only home phone numbers will be published in the Trading Post section.

Ads will be published in four consecutive newspapers. It is the customer's responsibility to update or renew items listed in the Community Bulletin.

For information, call Jacqueline Boucher, X58073.



VAN/CAR POOLS

- Hazelton, Drums:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, non-smoking, shared driving, send e-mail to Brian.Sauers@tobyhanna.army.mil.

- Factoryville, LaPlume, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, "A" placard, non-smoking, 5/4/9, call Tom Talarico, X57081.

- Stroudsburg:** 1 opening, van, pickup in South Stroudsburg, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. shift, send e-mail to john.kulp@tobyhanna.army.mil.

- Childs, Jessup, Dunmore:** openings, van, non-smoking, 5/4/9, "A" placard, park and rides, call Larry Backman, X59329.

- Hackettstown, N.J.:** individual seeks car or van pool from NW New Jersey/Interstate 80 area, anyone traveling Interstate 80 West call Robin Lombardo, X57345.

- West Scranton:** 2 openings, van, non-smoking, 7 passengers, Luzerne Street shopping center, 5/4/9, call Jim Mangan or Bill Flynn, X58184.

- Mountain Top, White Haven:** 1 opening, 7 passengers, van, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., meet in Mountain Top at 6:15 a.m. and pass through White Haven at 6:30 p.m., non-smoking, call Janet, X57532.

- Wilkes-Barre:** 2 openings, van, nonsmoking, 7 passengers,

leaves Sam's Club parking lot at 5:45 a.m., 5/4/9, call John Alden, X58349 or X58640.

- Waymart, Carbondale:** openings, van, will pick up at Waymart Hotel and Meredith Street, 5/4/9, call Brian or John, X58754.

- Dunmore, Throop, surrounding areas:** 3 openings, van, 7 passengers, pick up at Holiday Inn in Dunmore, 5/4/9, contact Carmen Trubia, X59156 or send e-mail.

- Tripps Park, North Scranton:** individual seeks ride, van, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or 7:30-4 p.m. shifts, call Al Auksunas, X59360.

- Jim Thorpe:** 1 opening, van, 5/4/9, "A" placard, contact Frank Lauth, X57361 or send e-mail to frank.lauth@tobyhanna.army.mil.

- Dallas, Shavertown, Exeter:** accepting names for waiting list, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, call Bob Redinski, X59184 or send e-mail.

- Lake Winola:** 1 opening, van, 7 passengers, 5/4/9, non-smoking, possible house pick up, contact Mark Evans, X56999 or send e-mail to mark.evans@tobyhanna.army.mil.

- Wilkes Barre:** 1 opening, van, 15 passengers, non-smoking, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. shift, pick up across from K-Mart at 5:50 a.m., Wesley Dervinis, X56839.

- Factoryville, Dalton, Clarks Summit:** 1 opening, van, non-smoking, "A" placard, 5/4/9, first Friday, contact Richard Pomichter, X59343 or send e-mail.

- Plains, Pittston:** 1 opening, starts Jan. 1, 6 passengers, van, "A" placard, house-to-house pickup in Plains or at Pittston park and ride, call Steve Beck, X59694.

- Saturn SL 2:** 1997, 4-door sedan, 5-speed, one owner, 65k miles, new tires, new inspection, good condition, asking \$3,000, call Bob or Linda Rabenold, 842-4036.



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- Horse:** AQHA registered gelding sorrel, Western and English flatwork, current on shots and coggins, stands for vet, farrier clips, baths and loads; skilled in parades, 4-H showings and team penning and barrels; loves games and trail rides, experienced rider only, asking \$2,000, call Renee, 842-1511.

- Misc. items:** electronic hockey table, tallies scores, paid

\$299, asking \$125; Casio keyboard with stand, keys light up to teach user how to play, like new, paid \$199, asking \$125; portable basketball hoop, asking \$30; kitchen table, 4 chairs, wooden tabletop and iron legs, \$100; bedroom set, full-size bed, dresser with mirror, chest of drawers, 2 night stands, does not include mattress, asking \$100, call Lisa or Jerry, 876-3053, leave a message.

- House:** 2-story, 7 rooms, 1 bath, unfinished basement, oil/electric heat, replacement windows, detached 2-car garage, 2 storage buildings, .87 acre, on Route 348, Jefferson Township, North Pocono School District, asking \$189,000, call 689-7692 or 689-4796.

- Exercise equipment:** Gazelle Freestyle Elite, like new, asking \$150, call Kathy, 894-4265.

- Misc. items:** Pro Form Crosswalker/365s, Sears model, includes monitors and gauges, asking \$300; exercise bike with arm pulls, Sears model, asking \$150; Hummels, call to make an appointment; and 1800 antique Mason/Hammon foot-pedal reed organ, asking \$1,500 OBO, call Norma, 842-6965.

- Tires/rims:** 4 Goodyear Eagle LS P195/65R15, mounted on new Chrysler rims (PT Cruiser), less than 25 miles on them, asking \$200, call Jeff Ciaruffoli, 690-8140.

- Snow tires:** 4, Champiro 65TR15, used 4 months, like new, asking \$150 OBO, call Lori 587-2646.

- Misc. items:** Class 2 hitch, 2006 and earlier, Caravan/Town and Country, without stow-and-go- seats, \$75; Class 3 hitch, 2006 and later, Caravan/Town and Country, with stow-and-go seats, paid \$185, asking \$100; bra for 2003/2005 Sonata, paid \$165, asking \$70; 4 new faucets, for claw-type bathtub, imported from Germany, paid \$1,500, asking \$500, call Art Kearney, 610-681-8306.

- Snow tires:** 4, Bridgestone Blizzak, size 205/60R16, used 3 seasons, inspected by Kost Tire and Auto Service and rated very good condition, \$200 for all, call 585-4068, leave message.

- Trailer:** Free, 1970, 12x60 Parkwood, good condition, must be moved, Hazleton area; 1996 Taurus wagon, \$2,000; 1996 Taurus sedan, \$1,500, both in good condition, call Mary at 455-6833.

- Television:** flat screen, Phillips, 51 inches, rear projection, HDTV with remote, like new, \$950, call 342-2197.

- Snow tires:** P205-70-15, Snow Tracker radial ST/2, used one season, \$30 for both, call Gloria or Jim, 876-3978.

WELCOME TO THE DEPOT

Name	Title	Organization
Gary Bray	Alternate site manager	DDTP
Theresa Clemens	Electronics mechanic helper	D/C3/Avionics
Michael Kauker	Welding worker	D/SIS
James Lanier	Electronics digital computer mech	D/C3/Avionics
Ted Nelson	Site manager	DDTP
David Schuller	Safety, occupational health spec	D/IRM

SDDC joins AMC team as Major Subordinate Command

by Mitch Chandran
SDDC Public Affairs

The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is officially a Major Subordinate Command to U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Army designated its three large four-star commands – Forces Command, Training and Doctrine Command, and Army Materiel Command – as “Army Commands.” This reorganization also eliminated the term “Major Army Command” or “MACOM” and moved several of the former MACOMs that used to report to Department of the Army underneath these three large Army Commands.

SDDC has been a MACOM reporting to Department of the Army. At the same time, SDDC was, and still is, the Army Service Component Command to U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), a joint combatant command. And along with the Air Force’s Air Mobility Command and the Navy’s Military Sealift Command, provides USTRANSCOM with air, sea and surface capability to move DoD assets worldwide.

Under the new Army reorganization, instead of reporting directly to Department of the Army as a MACOM, SDDC will fall under Army Materiel Command as one of their Major Subordinate Commands for administrative purposes. Operationally,

SDDC continues to work for USTRANSCOM, coordinating all surface movement of Department of Defense assets including the operation of 24 worldwide seaports.

“It’s important to note our service to the warfighters will not change under this change in command relationship,” said Col. Timothy McNulty, chief of staff for SDDC. “The change in command relationship will be transparent to the folks we support daily and to our workforce as well.

“We look forward to being a member of the AMC team to leverage all AMC brings to the fight, and, with SDDC joining the team, we are moving towards an Army command that is the logistian for this Army,” McNulty said.

According to AMC officials, major advantages of aligning SDDC to AMC support the following emerging capabilities:

- Single Army integrator of logistics with joint and strategic partners.
- Coordination of the end-to-end distribution pipeline from a national sustainment base to deployed Theatre Support Commands.
- Providing command and control, training readiness oversight of assigned forces.
- Assisting Forces Command generation and rapid projection of trained and ready forces from Continental United States based to Regional Combatant Commander and reset of forces upon return to home station.

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Other regulations serve to clarify turn-in procedures such as accounting. Detailed control and accounting procedures for classified COMSEC equipment are contained in TB 380-41. Accounting procedures for unclassified COMSEC equipment, including Controlled Cryptographic Items (CCI), are outlined in DA Pamphlet 710-2-1 and 710-2-2. Routine policy and procedures for requisitioning stock and supply management of both classified and unclassified COMSEC items are contained in AR 710-2 and its accompanying pamphlets.

“It is very important that COMSEC personnel adhere to the regulations with preparing and packing this equipment,” Mirabelle said. “It must be done correctly or the equipment could be compromised.”

For a complete list of COMSEC regulations, or to answer other questions, call the depot’s Communications Security Division, DSN 795-6598, commercial 570-895-6598.

“We can find out exactly what a unit has and give proper disposition information – how to prepare it, how to pack it, and what paper work must be included with the shipment,” said Sean Namlick, materials examiner and identifier.

If Tobyhanna Army Depot cannot be reached, call the Communications Security Activity, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., DSN 879-8749, commercial 520-538-8749.

DoD offers referral bonuses

The Department of Defense is offering \$2,000 referral bonuses to Army Soldiers, future Soldiers, and retirees if they refer an individual to the Army and the referral results in an enlistment.

Soldiers, future Soldiers, and retirees may receive the 2k referral bonus for referring anyone, except immediate family members, for enlistment in all components of the U.S. Army, including the Army Reserve and National Guard.

The referral bonuses are available through Dec. 31. There are no retroactive provisions.

In addition to immediate family members being ineligible for the bonuses,

Soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army Accesions Command, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Cadet Command, U.S. Army Reserve Command - Retention and Transition Division, National Guard State Recruiting Commands, and other Army members serving in a recruiting or retention assignment. Soldiers and Army retirees serving as instructors or administrators in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program are also ineligible.

The bonus amount will not be more than \$2,000 per referral and is paid in two installments. The first installment is paid within 45 days of when the new Soldier

begins basic training and the second when he completes his advance individual training. There is no limit on the number of referrals an individual can make nor is there a limit on the number of bonuses a person can receive.

Referrals should be submitted through the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team by logging on to <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or by calling 1-800-223-3735, extension 60473.

To be eligible for the bonuses, the person making the referral must provide the name of the applicant via SMART before the applicant and an Army recruiter schedule an appointment.

Defense news, information customized for easier viewing on mobile devices

by Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFNEWS) — Defense Department news releases, articles and other information are now available in a new format that is customized for easier viewing on BlackBerrys and other mobile devices, officials said.

The new, mobile-device-friendly format can be accessed at www.dod.mil/mobile, officials affiliated with the project said.

“Having the ability to access the most current Defense Department information while you are on the go is especially important in the fast-paced communications world in which we live,” said Allison Barber, deputy



assistant secretary of defense for internal communications and public liaison.

Offering a mobile-device-friendly format to disseminate defense information “is another way we are trying to better serve our globally based audiences, providing them the most up-to-date news and information on the war on terror and other related activity,” Barber said.

The new format is specifically condensed to better fit onto the tiny viewing screens featured by most mobile devices, said Tom Dorsz, Web production supervisor at American Forces Information Service.

Mobile device usage is increasing worldwide, Dorsz said, noting that BlackBerrys and similar devices enable access to Internet-sourced information anywhere at anytime.

Maximizing and integrating new technology is the mission of the new media team, said Roxie Merritt, director of DoD’s new media unit.

“On your mobile device Web browser, simply type in www.dod.mil/mobile to view the top news and press releases that are customized to fit your screen,” she said.

Customers will see much of the same information and many of the photos and graphics that appear on the regular Defenselink Web page, available at www.defenselink.mil said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Brook DeWalt, AFIS’s new media operations manager.

The new mobile system enhances DoD’s mission to inform the public of its policies, as well as to communicate with servicemembers, defense civilians, retirees, and their families, Commander Dorsz said.

Using the mobile device Web browser, type in www.dod.mil/mobile to view top DoD news and press releases customized to fit the mobile device screen.



Like walking on air

Contractors are scheduled to finish putting down a new floor in the Mack Field House this week. The maple-colored flooring boasts a synthetic surface and shock-absorbent characteristics that are reported to help reduce injuries, according to Jackie Vass, Community Recreation Division chief. In addition, 10-foot wall panels are being installed around the court to protect the walls and prevent injuries. (Photo by Steve Grzezdzinski)



Surge begins in Iraq

Spc. John Hamilton of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, prepares to move off the flight line at Camp Taji in Baghdad Jan. 20 as the CH-47 Chinook helicopter that brought him lifts off again. The 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team arrived in Baghdad last week as part of the first wave of a planned escalation of forces in Iraq's capital city. The paratroopers from the 2nd "Falcon" Brigade, based in Kuwait as a ready reserve since early January, are to be followed over the next several months by four more combat brigades, bolstering U.S. forces in Baghdad by about 20,000 Soldiers. The increase in troops is designed to help clamp down on violence in the city and pave the way for the Iraqi government to assume full control of Baghdad's security. (Photo by Sgt. Mike Pryor)

New strategy means new training plan

by Don Kramer
Fort Lewis "Northwest Guardian"

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — The new strategy announced last week by President Bush forces a minor adjustment that will have a major impact on the next Fort Lewis Stryker brigade scheduled to deploy to Iraq.

But the change will have no effect on the readiness of the Soldiers or their ability to perform their new missions, according to a spokesman for the brigade speaking at a press conference Jan. 11 at I Corps Headquarters.

"We were previously planning to go in May 2007," said 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, executive officer, Maj. Jim Brown. "Now we're going in April. That's not a significant change."

Neither has the primary mission changed - secure the cities to foster political and economic progress in Iraq. However, the slight adjustment in the timetable drives a significant change in the training plan.

The Dragoon Raider Brigade will now conduct its predeployment certification exercise, originally programmed for next month at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., on Fort Lewis instead. Brown acknowledged the "great benefit (NTC) adds to a unit ... with the world-class opposing forces, the observer/controllers

and the knowledge and experience they bring, and the facilities they have. It's one-stop shopping."

Without the benefit of a trip to NTC, the brigade will work to recreate the same training intensity in familiar surroundings, drawing on fresh lessons of a field exercise called "Cascadian Commitment."

The brigade on Dec. 13 completed the 10-day FTX that used Fort Lewis as a surrogate Iraqi city.

Brigade public affairs officer, Capt. Mike Garcia, said the exercise used the intrinsic "frictions" of moving among the daily activities of a large installation to produce logistical stresses to inform the tactical scenarios.

Performing missions around daily traffic and a host of civilian workers and family members helped to create the kinds of realistic challenges Dragoon Soldiers will face in Iraq's urban settings.

As with that exercise, the next one will again be heavily supported by the community, Brown said, but augmented by outside agencies to evaluate performance.

"We're in discussions with the Joint Readiness Center at Fort Polk to bring their observer/controllers up here and assist us," said the executive officer. "So, it will not be exactly the same (as NTC), but we'll try as closely as possible to replicate those conditions."

Gates: U.S. must stay committed to Afghanistan, maintain success

by Sgt. Sara Wood
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—The U.S. must stay committed to Afghanistan and do what's necessary to maintain the success that has been achieved there, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said in Afghanistan Jan. 17.

If U.S. commanders on the ground decide they need more troops to sustain that success, Gates said he would make that recommendation to President Bush.

"I've been concerned in the short time I've been in this position, to ensure that the success that we have had in Afghanistan, together, remain success and not be challenged," Gates said at a news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai. "I think it's important for us to take the initiative in dealing with security threats (and) that we act together on this."

Gates was in Afghanistan for a three-day trip to meet with commanders on the ground and hear their recommendations as they prepare for a possible Taliban resurgence in the spring.

Gates said his meetings with U.S., NATO and Afghan officials were helpful. He also said he was impressed by the Afghan security forces he met earlier in the day. "The Afghan army is increasingly

taking the lead in combat operations, and the force continues to grow in size, strength and confidence," he said.

The Afghan people have made significant progress in the years since they were under Taliban rule, Gates noted. Women who were once repressed are now serving in the parliament, helping decide the country's future, and 80 percent of the Afghan people have access to health care. He said he is confident that the U.S., NATO and the Afghan people working together will continue to make progress.

"We are helping rebuild a country and a society with roots stretching back to the beginning of human history," he said. "The United States, members of NATO and other allies, and the Afghan people understand the importance of success here in Afghanistan. We have had much success; we must build on that and make it enduring."

Speaking at the news conference, Karzai said that U.S. and Afghan forces will be ready to deal with any potential Taliban resurgence in the spring.

"I can tell you with confidence that the Afghan people and the international partners -- the U.S., NATO -- are ready to give terrorism a serious blow when they come," Karzai said. "We want them to come and get defeated, so that we all can rest and enjoy our lives all over the world."